



MEN'S PREVIEW

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Wildcats, Black Bears Set For Border Battle; No. 3 BU Travels North To No. 12 UVM No. 14 Merrimack Takes On Western Foes; Notre Dame Visits Northeastern for a Pair

No. 3 Boston University vs. No. 12 Vermont - Fri. 1/23, Sat. 1/24 at UVM

- No. 3 BU used an overtime goal from freshman forward **Jack Eichel** to emerge triumphant over then-No. 6 UMass Lowell and claim the top spot in the Hockey East standings in a Sunday matinee.
- Vermont senior captain **Mike Paliotta** was selected as one of 20 candidates for the 2014-15 Senior CLASS Award, given to a student that uses their platform in athletics to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities.

No. 14 Merrimack vs. UMass vs. UConn - Fri. 1/23 at MC; Sat. 1/24 at UMass; Tue. 1/27 at UConn

- **Jerry York**'s Eagles downed No. 14 Merrimack at Conte Forum, 2-1, Wednesday night to extend its home unbeaten streak against the Warriors 29 games (26-0-3). Merrimack has not captured a victory in Chestnut Hill since Oct. 31, 1997.
- UMass is coming off a weekend split with league rival New Hampshire, partly due to junior forward **Shane Walsh**. Walsh struck twice in the third period of Friday's victory over UNH, including the game-winning goal.
- Minutemen senior defenseman **Oleg Yevenko** was selected as one of 20 candidates for the 2014-15 Senior CLASS Award, given to a student that uses their platform in athletics to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities.

No. 18 Providence vs. No. 5 UMass Lowell - Fri. 1/23 at UML; Sat. 1/24 at PC

- No. 18 Providence will face off against No. 5 UMass Lowell, who are 5-1-1 since returning from their winter break, in the Friars' first weekend Hockey East series since Nov. 14-15 against No. 12 Vermont.
- 18 PC's team defense (2.04 GAA) ranks sixth in the nation, while UML's offense (3.61 GPG) also ranks sixth in the nation.
- Providence senior forward **Ross Mauermann** was selected as one of 20 candidates for the 2014-15 Senior CLASS Award, given to a student that uses their platform in athletics to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities.

No. 19 Boston College vs. UConn - Sat. 1/24 at BC

- No. 19 BC heads into their sole weekend matchup against UConn after holding off No. 14 Merrimack by a score of 2-1 Wednesday night at Chestnut Hill.
- Eagle sophomore forward **Chris Calnan** netted his fourth game-winning goal of the season Wednesday against the Warriors, a mark that is good for fourth-best in the NCAA in 2014-15. Freshman defenseman **Noah Hanifin** is also riding a four-game point streak for BC.
- The last time BC and UConn met, the Huskies earned their first league victory as a member of Hockey East by a score of 1-0 at home. UConn Sophomore goaltender **Rob Nichols** made 35 saves for the shutout win.

New Hampshire vs. Maine - Fri. 1/23 at Maine; Sat. 1/24 at UNH

- New Hampshire battles the border rival Black Bears in the 120th all-time meeting between the two programs. Maine holds a 61-52-6 record over the Wildcats, but **Dick Umile**'s squad has seen success at home, claiming a 19-6-2 record at the Whittemore Center.
- The Wildcats and Black Bears have met twice before this season, splitting two non-conference games played at neutral site rinks in Portland, Maine and Manchester, New Hampshire.
- Coach Umile is just one victory shy of 550 for his career, with an overall record of 549-306-97.

Notre Dame vs. Northeastern - Fri. 1/23, Sat. 1/24 at NU

- Defending Warrior Hockey Player of the Week **Robbie Russo** leads his Notre Dame squad to Matthews Arena to take on a Northeastern team that claimed an undefeated weekend at then-No. 9 Vermont last weekend. Russo scored four goals and added an assist in two games against UConn last weekend to earn the award.
- Northeastern used four different goal scorers to down the Catamounts, 4-1, Friday before battling back from a pair of one-goal deficits to skate to a 2-2 draw Saturday.
- Husky senior goaltender **Clay Witt** was selected as one of 20 candidates for the 2014-15 Senior CLASS Award, given to a student that uses their platform in athletics to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities.

Upcoming Games

Friday, January 23

- Massachusetts at No. 14 Merrimack - 7 p.m. *
- New Hampshire at Maine - 7 p.m. *
- Notre Dame at Northeastern - 7 p.m. *
- No. 3 Boston University at No. 12 Vermont - 7:05 p.m. *
- No. 18 Providence at No. 5 UMass Lowell - 7:15 p.m. (NESN) ***

Saturday, January 24

- UConn at No. 19 Boston College - 7 p.m. *
- Notre Dame at Northeastern - 7 p.m. *
- No. 5 UMass Lowell at No. 18 Providence - 7 p.m. *
- No. 20 Merrimack at Massachusetts - 7 p.m. *
- Maine at New Hampshire - 7 p.m. (WBIN, FCS) ***
- No. 3 Boston University at No. 12 Vermont - 7:05 p.m. *

Tuesday, January 27

- No. 14 Merrimack at UConn - 7:05 p.m. *

All game times are EST
*** denotes league games**

HEA In The Polls

USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine Men's College Hockey Poll

Rk.	School	Pts. (FPV)	Record	LR
3.	Boston University	421	13-4-4	3
5.	UMass Lowell	348	15-5-3	6
12.	Vermont	143	15-6-2	9
15.	Merrimack	52	13-6-2	NR

Others receiving votes: Providence, 29; Boston College, 9

USCHO.com Div. I Men's Poll

Rk.	School	Pts. (FPV)	Record	LW
3.	Boston University	874	13-4-4	2
5.	UMass Lowell	762	15-5-3	6
12.	Vermont	434	15-5-1	10
14.	Merrimack	289	13-6-2	20
18.	Providence	214	14-8-1	14
19.	Boston College	193	11-6-2	17

2014-2015 HOCKEY EAST STANDINGS

Rk.	Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Overall	Conf. Off.	Conf. Def.
1.	Boston University	12	8	2	2	18	13-4-4	3.67 (1)	2.17 (5)
	UMass Lowell	12	8	2	2	18	15-5-3	3.50 (2)	1.83 (2)
3.	Boston College	14	7	5	2	16	14-8-2	2.64 (5)	2.21 (6)
4.	Vermont	12	7	4	1	15	15-6-2	3.17 (4)	2.00 (3)
5.	Notre Dame	10	5	2	3	13	10-11-3	3.20 (3)	2.40 (7)
6.	Providence	11	6	5	0	12	14-8-1	1.73 (12)	1.36 (1)
7.	UConn	11	4	5	2	10	7-11-5	2.27 (9)	2.91 (8)
	Northeastern	13	4	7	2	10	8-11-4	2.08 (10)	3.08 (9)
9.	Merrimack	10	4	5	1	9	13-7-2	2.00 (11)	2.00 (3)
10.	New Hampshire	10	3	6	1	7	8-12-2	2.30 (7)	3.10 (10)
11.	Maine	10	3	7	0	6	8-15-1	2.30 (7)	3.20 (11)
12.	Massachusetts	13	2	11	0	4	7-16-0	2.54 (6)	5.08 (12)